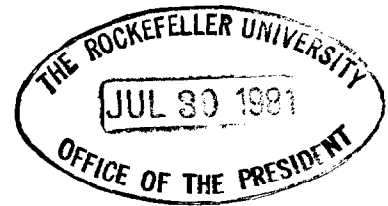


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

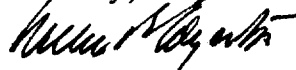
Knowing of your interest in international educational exchanges, I am sending you the first comprehensive statement of a recently-formed group of exchange organizations. The statement urges increased and sustained support of exchange programs by our federal government. If this goal is to be realized in this period of strong pressures for reduced governmental spending, we believe that it is imperative to identify those values of international exchanges which directly affect America's national interest.

We have disseminated the statement to members of Congress and to relevant agencies of the Executive branch. We believe it is persuasive and hope for its wide dissemination. If the statement as a whole or some of its themes accord with your own views, we hope you will use it, possibly with your Congressional delegation or in support of your international programs with Trustees, legislators, or alumni.

Regarding the International Educational Exchange Liaison Group, whose members are listed on the final page of the statement, we have set three initial goals: to inform a wide audience about important aspects of international education; to provide a means by which exchange organizations can focus cooperatively on significant issues; and to increase our knowledge of the exchange process through a continuing research effort.

I would welcome your comments on the statement or on the Liaison group and from time-to-time will keep you apprised of its work.

Cordially,


Wallace B. Edgerton

Enclosure